Data Submission & Approval Process

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DevResults has a built-in **submission and approval process** for each reporting period, for each activity. Each of an activity's reporting periods will move through five statuses:

- 1. No Data: This is the initial status for each reporting period for each activity.
- 2. **In Progress**: Partners and contributors **enter data** for their activity for the most recent reporting period, which automatically updates the status of that reporting period for the activity.
- 3. **Submitted:** The data is submitted for that activity for that reporting period by a user with the **Submit Indicator Results** role, like a partner manager.
- 4. **Returned:** If there are any issues with the data, it can be returned to partners or contributors with a request for edits or clarifications. The data can then be edited and re-submitted.
- Approved: Submitted data is then reviewed and approved by internal staff with permission to Approve Indicator Results, like a manager or an owner.

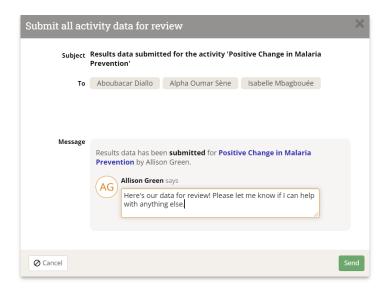
Submission

When some data has been entered in DevResults for an activity for a particular reporting period, the status for that page will say **In Progress**.

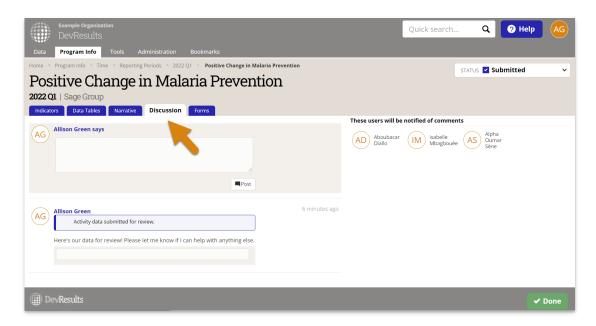
When data entry is complete, users with the **Submit Indicator Results** role can click on this dropdown and choose the option to **Submit all activity data for review**.



When you submit data, users associated with the activity will be notified (depending on your site's **notification settings**). A popup lets you add a customized message along with the notification of submission.



A record of all status changes and comments can be found in the discussion tab for each activity, each reporting period.



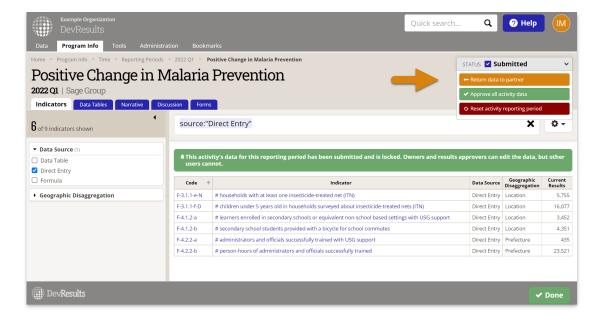
Once the data is submitted, only users with the **Approve Indicator Results** role or **Owners** may edit the data. This prevents others from editing the data while it is being reviewed.

Note: By default, only data for **direct entry** indicators is locked. To lock data for **data table** indicators, see **data table row locking**.

Return

After submission, users with the **Approve Indicator Results** role or **Owners** can review the data.

If there are any issues with the data that require editing, explanations, and re-submission, the status of the activity's reporting period can be set to **Returned** by selecting **Return data to partner** in the status drop-down.

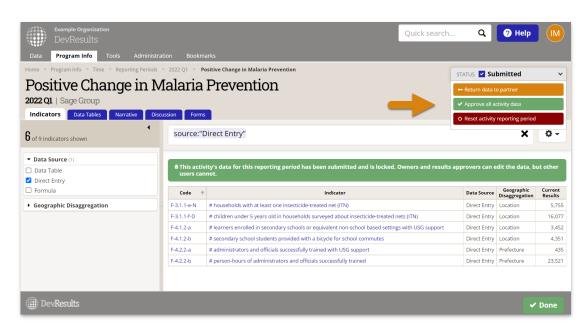


This change in status, and any custom message, is also captured in the **Discussion** tab.

The data can then be edited by users with permission to edit indicator results and re-submitted by users with the **Submit Indicator Results** role (typically partner managers and contributors).

Approval

After review of submitted data, users with the **Approve Indicator Results** role or **Owners** can approve the data.



This change in status, and any custom message, is also captured in the **Discussion** tab.

Once data is approved, only **Owners** can edit the data.

Owners also have the option to **Reset activity reporting period**. This deletes all direct entry data for the reporting period for this activity, but it does not delete previous messages in the discussion tab.

Note: Information can be added to the **Narrative** tab at any time. Many organizations' workflows involve writing narratives about approved data, so this narrative information can be added and edited after indicator data is approved and locked.

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